

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh” - Luke 21:28

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Persecution of Christians on rise – in U.S.

WND.com reports: “A report by two U.S.-based religious freedom groups says anti-Christian persecution is on the rise in America.

The joint report by Texas-based Liberty Institute and Washington-based Family Research Council says groups like the American Civil Liberties Union aren’t the only culprits. The report says government agencies around the U.S. are trying to push Christian expression out the door.

‘It is dramatic,’ says Liberty Institute Founder Kelly Shackelford, of the recent hike in reported incidents of persecution. ‘I have been doing these types of cases for almost 25 years now. I have never seen the levels of attacks like these and how quickly they are now proliferating.’

Shackelford says government, from schools to social programs, is the ringleader.

‘There are children being prohibited from writing Merry Christmas to the soldiers, senior citizens being banned from praying over their meals in the Senior Center, the VA banning the mention of God in military funerals, numerous attempts to have veterans memorials torn down if they have any

religious symbols such as a cross, and I could go on and on,’ Shackelford said...” **(Beloved in Christ Jesus: “Fight the good fight of faith.” Why? The persecutors are all demonic controlled blasphemers and apostates: “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” – I Timothy 4:1. Because of this situation, we as believers must stand against Satan’s malicious malignant spirits. See Ephesians 6:12 – 16. See also the next two reports.)**

Egypt’s Christians face mass slaughter by Islamists

WND.com reports: “The Coptic Christian community in Egypt now is under threat of mass slaughter from Islamists under the pretense of revenge for a movie that depicts the Quranic figure Muhammad in a negative light, a senior Egyptian military official told *WND*.

The producers of the ‘Innocence of Muslims’ movie reportedly are tied to the Coptic faith. Reports are claiming the movie sparked anti-U.S. attacks in Egypt and Libya, including the recent killing of the U.S. ambassador

to Libya. However, some security officials believe the violence to be premeditated.

The Egyptian military official said that Islamic groups are threatening to slaughter ‘the whole Christian Coptic community’ in the city of Naja Hamadi, located about 60 miles from Cairo. Naja Hamadi contains a large Coptic community...” **(How bad could this murderous plan become? A journalist reporting from Egypt, Clare Lopez, warned: ‘What Germany was to 6 million Jews, Egypt could become to 8 million Copts [Egyptian Christians] Revelation 2:10.)**

Egypt’s Christians fear violence, flee

RIA Novosti reports: “Fearing sectarian violence at the hands of Muslim extremists, Christian Copts in the Egypt’s North Sinai town of Rafah are being forced to flee their homes.

At least a dozen Coptic families have already left the town bordering Gaza and Israel, seeking safety in the nearby town of Al Arish, a local priest told state-owned *Al Ahram* newspaper. The latest Coptic exodus was triggered by an armed attack on a shop owned by a Christian town-dweller, he said.

Two days earlier, fliers had been found outside Christian homes warning residents to 'leave or face death.' While the attack by masked gunmen did not cause any injuries, it has succeeded

in terrorizing the town's small Christian community.

Christian families who met with the newly appointed North Sinai governor

Sayed Harhour to express their grievances said the governor had promised to increase security in the town but stopped short of offering the Copts direct protection..."

A RELIGION OF PEACE?

Decapitations called solution for criticism of Islam

WND.com reports: "A jihadi writer who has praised the murderer of a Dutch filmmaker is offering a suggestion to cut down on the criticism of Islam around the globe: Behead the critics and post their heads along roads.

Oh, and post a sign that says, 'This is the punishment of those who insult our prophet.'

The report comes from the Jihad and Terrorism Threat Monitor, a unit of the Middle East Media Research Center.

The organization, which monitors Middle East media, said the comments were made by Muhib Ru'yat al-Rahman, a senior writer of a leading jihadi forum called Shumoukh al-Islam.

He suggested that Muslims living in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and the U.S. kill Westerners who criticize Islam and display their decapitated heads along roads.

'While expressing respect for those calling to boycott European and American products over the release of the film 'Innocence of Muslims,' which negatively depicts Muhammad, Muhib insists that the best way to deter people from insulting Muhammad and his wives is to implement his proposal,' the terror monitor report said.

The report said it was in a posting called 'Allah Willing, This Is How We Will Avenge Our Prophet Against Those Insulting Him...' (Some say: "Surely Islam does not teach such gruesome ways of killing believers". However, followers of the Koran are

informed that crucifixions [Sura 5:33], and beheadings [Sura 46:4] are to be administered to Islamic defectors from the faith and unbelieving infidels.)

Muslims torch Buddhist temples, homes in Bangladesh

Voice of America News reports: Hundreds of angry Muslims torched Buddhist temples and homes in southeastern Bangladesh, complaining that a Buddhist man posted an anti-Islam photograph on Facebook.

Muslims in the Cox's Bazar area, near the border with Buddhist-majority Burma, set fire to at least five Buddhist temples and dozens of homes. The rioters say a local Buddhist man posted a photograph that defamed the Quran, the Muslim holy book. The protesters took to the streets late Saturday [September 29].

Police say the situation was brought under control early Sunday [September 30]..." (To bad these terrorists never heard of the words of Jesus: "Love your neighbor as yourself" and "love works no ill [no harm] to one's neighbor" – Matthew 19:19; 22:39; Mark 12:31; Romans 13: 9 and 10.)

Ex-Muslim: Islam 'scars the hell out of me'

WND.com reports: "Islamic countries indoctrinate children with hatred toward Israel and teach them Israel has no historic claim to the land or the city of Jerusalem, Nonie Darwish, founder of Arabs for Israel, told *WND's* Greg Corombos.

Darwish shared her story of being born into a Muslim family in Egypt and being raised to hate Israel.

'It is the total annihilation of Israel and the Jews,' she said. 'This is what the center of the educational system in the whole Arab world is. We were taught Jerusalem is a Muslim city; Jews had nothing to do with it, and we have to liberate it. ... There's no acknowledgement that Jerusalem has any roots in Judaism or Christianity. There's total denial of history.'

Darwish said she only learned the truth after she came to America, because the Muslim world often filters and censors information.

'I actually worked in censorship when I was a journalist in the Middle East,' she explained. 'Information is totally filtered, and the propaganda, at the same time, is daily, very intense. Islam lives on propaganda and denies the truth.'

She said any person who challenges the Muslim version of the truth is 'immediately regarded as a traitor, and riots happen and this person's life is threatened...'"

(What a tremendous testimonial from a former Muslim, Nonie Darwish. She dogmatically states: "We were taught Jerusalem is a Muslim city; Jews had nothing to do with it". The Holy Bible states 930 times that Jerusalem belongs to the Jews, the Koran never mentions Jerusalem as belonging to Muslims. They have Mecca and Medina.)

THE 12TH IMAM

Ahmadinejad tells U.N. messiah's return at hand

WND.com reports: "With the U.S. and Israeli delegations absent in boycott, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addressed the General Assembly on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur in a rambling, apocalyptic speech in which he declared his confidence that the table already is being set for a 'new world order.'"

What Ahmadinejad means by 'new world order,' however, has nothing to do with the globalist economic and political integration envisioned by President George H. W. Bush.

Known internationally as 'Twelvers,' radical Shiite Muslims like Ahmadinejad believe the new order will come with the return of their messiah, the Mahdi – the child imam who supposedly went into seclusion at the bottom of a well more than 1,000 years ago.

Indeed, after a long diatribe in which

he blamed Western civilization for most of the world's major problems, Ahmadinejad concluded his speech today with an extensive description of his belief that the Mahdi will soon usher the world into a new era of peace and prosperity..." **(Is it not sad that Islam looks for the return of their messiah, Mahdi, while America's pastors ignore the message of Christ's imminent return mentioned in 10,350 verses of God's Holy Word. Paul tells the Christian ministers to "preach the Word" in II Timothy 4:2 – 4 and the message they are to proclaim is found in verse 8: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." See the next report.)**

Iran official: 'Big war' means Mahdi's coming

WND.com reports: "For the first time, Iran's highest-ranking military official has tied the reappearance of the last Islamic messiah to the regime being prepared to go to a war based on ideology.

'With having the treasure of the Holy Defense, Valayat (Guardianship of the Jurist) and martyrs, we are ready for a big war,' Defense Minister Ahmad Vahidi said, according to *Mashregh* news, which is run by the Revolutionary Guards.

'Of course this confrontation has always continued; however, since we are in the era of The Coming, this war will be a significant war.'

Shi'ites believe that at the end of time great wars will take place, and Imam Mahdi, the Shi'ites' 12th imam, will reappear and kill all the infidels, raising the flag of Islam in all corners of the world..."

AHMADINEJAD'S NEW WORLD ORDER

Iran's Ahmadinejad touts 'new world order' not led by 'arrogant' powers

The Christian Science Monitor reports: "Despite the clock ticking down to military action against his country, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad largely ignored current events in his United Nations speech and chose instead to call for a 'new world order' free of the domination of the ruling big powers.

In what was the controversial leader's eighth and last UN speech as Iranian president, Mr. Ahmadinejad laid the world's misery at the feet of the 'arrogant' few powers who rule from the UN Security Council, and offered the

Non-Aligned Movement, which groups more than 120 developing countries, as a better model for governing the world.

Iran holds elections in June, and Ahmadinejad is barred by the Constitution from seeking a third term.

Ahmadinejad did refer once to Israel and to the international crisis over Iran's advancing nuclear program, saying the unfair and militaristic global system is what led to 'the uncivilized Zionists threatening military action against our great country...' **(The 'New World Order' is a message I have proclaimed for years. However, I always taught that it was exclusively composed of nations from the European Union. In recent days God**

showed me that it would be a global union of all nations. Revelation 17:10 mentions the union of seven world empires. The first four were Islamic, the final three European, and these two legs of Daniels image, originally Rome and Constantinople, European and Islamic control the entire world – Revelation 13:1, 7, 8. When the New World Order appears, its antichrist leader will declare himself as God – I John 2:18; Daniel 11:36; II Thessalonians 2:4. See the next report.)

Ahmadinejad urges drastic change in World Order

The Fars News Agency reports: "Iran's President Mahmoud

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Ahmadinejad lambasted the present world order dominating the nations' relations in various economic, cultural and political fields, and asked the global community to start a major change in this order.

Speaking to French reporters on TV, Ahmadinejad said the current order dominating the world should undergo drastic change.

He pointed out that relations among human beings and human communities are competitive aiming to win power and added, 'Relations among human beings and communities in the economic, cultural and political arenas should be re-founded on the basis of promoting friendship.'

Iran's president pointed to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Tehran (August 26-31) and said, 'NAM formation is part of efforts to materialize this goal.'

He added that all people, thinkers and policy makers should come to the conclusion that current conditions prevailing in the world are against them and they need a better world..."

Ahmadinejad tells UN 'uncivilized Zionists' continue to threaten Iran

Haaretz reports: "Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad took the podium at the UN General Assembly in New York, a day after U.S. President Barack Obama said the United States will 'do what it must' to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

Ahmadinejad said that 'arms race and intimidation by nuclear weapons and weapons of mass-destruction by the hegemonic powers have become prevalent,' and that 'continued threat by the uncivilized Zionists to resort to military action against our great nation

is a clear example of this bitter reality.'

As the Iranian president spoke, protesters took to the streets outside the UN building, many of them Iranian-Americans, demanding Iran's UN seat be taken away from the Islamic Republic.

Earlier, Ahmadinejad said Israel has no roots in the Middle East and would be 'eliminated.' The White House dismissed his comments as 'disgusting.'... (Ahmadinejad, **Islam's little Hitler is totally ignorant of God's Holy Word. The Judeo-Christian God Yahweh, states in Psalm 2:6: "I will set my King [Messiah] upon the holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]," also that God's redeemer will come to Jerusalem [Isaiah 59:20]. It is from this holy city that the Word of the Lord will be promoted globally as Christ reigns from Jerusalem forever. See Luke 1:32, 33; Matthew 5:33.)**

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Route of drone hints it may have been aimed at nuclear reactor

Israel National News reports: "The enemy drone downed by the Air Force, Saturday, took a strange route that did not cover strategic sites, indicating Israel may have diverted it from a route over the nuclear reactor in Dimona, located due east of Gaza.

The UAV entered Israeli air space from the Mediterranean Sea along the Gaza Coast and then made a U-turn, flying over the southern Hevron Hills before an F-16 plane destroyed it over a non-populated area.

The route raises questions because there are no army or air force bases or any other strategic sites along the route.

Officials estimate that it was guided by a pre-programmed GPS inside the

drone and not from a control center at its origin, apparently Hizballah-dominated southern Lebanon, *DEBKA File* reported. Israel may have carried out a cyber-attack to scramble the GPS and change its route.

It is widely assumed that the drone was transmitting pictures. If the drone had continued on its eastern course from Gaza, it would have flown near or directly over the nuclear reactor. Israeli officials have been concerned since earlier this year that the nuclear facility would be vulnerable to an attack from Iran.

If the drone was not headed for Dimona, its strange route could mean the enemy simply was testing Israel's response system..." (II Timothy 3:1 states: **"This know also, that in the last days perilous [dangerous] times shall come."** It is known as the

Time of Jacob's Trouble – Jeremiah 30:7 – which is Israel – II Kings 17:34. Ezekiel 38 and 39 mentions Israel as the location for the battle of Armageddon 18 times -- Ezekiel 38:8, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19; 39:2, 4, 7 [twice], 9, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23, 25 and 29. All Satan's efforts to destroy God's chosen people will fail – Ezekiel 39:6; Daniel 12:1; Isaiah 56:5. See the next three reports.)

Iran military official: Drone incursion shows Israel is vulnerable

Haaretz reports: "The incursion by an unmanned aircraft into Israeli airspace exposed the weakness of Israeli air defenses, an Iranian military official was quoted as saying.

The Israel Air Force shot down a

drone after it crossed into southern Israel, the IDF said. It remained unclear where the aircraft had come from, but Hezbollah was thought to be the main suspect.

Jamaluddin Aberoumand, deputy coordinator for Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, said the incident indicated that Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile defense system 'does not work and lacks the necessary capacity,' *Fars News Agency* reported.

Aberoumand attributed claims the drone was made by Iran to a 'psychological operation' by Israel, but did not confirm or deny them. 'The Zionist regime (Israel) has many enemies,' he added..."

Minister stresses Iran's ability to wipe Zionist regime off earth

The Fars News Agency reports: "Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi downplayed Israel's threats against the Islamic Republic, and warned that Tehran is capable of wiping the regime off the earth.

Iran's defensive power against Tel Aviv's threats has become so developed that it would easily wipe off the Zionist regime from the face of the earth, Vahidi told reporters in Tehran.

'Faced with various problems, the usurper regime of Israel makes such absurd threats to compensate for its internal crisis,' the minister was quoted by the Islamic republic news agency as saying.

Israel and its close ally the United States accuse Iran of seeking a nuclear weapon, while they have never presented any corroborative document to substantiate their allegations. Both Washington and Tel Aviv possess advanced weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear warheads.

Iran vehemently denies the charges, insisting that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only. Tehran stresses that the country has always pursued a

civilian path to provide power to the growing number of Iranian population, whose fossil fuel would eventually run dry.

Speculation that Israel could bomb Iran mounted since a big Israeli air drill four years ago. In the first week of June, 2008, 100 Israeli F-16 and F-15 fighters reportedly took part in an exercise over the eastern Mediterranean and Greece, which was interpreted as a dress rehearsal for a possible attack on Iran's nuclear installations..."

'Hezbollah aiming 60-70 thousand rockets at Israel'

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Hezbollah has between 60 and 70 thousand rockets aimed at Israel, Defense Ministry Diplomatic-Security chief Amos Gilad said.

Speaking at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism's World Summit, Gilad said the Lebanese terrorist organization has stockpiled rockets of various types, and its arsenal is far more robust than the one it had prior to the Second Lebanon War. 'The next war will be aimed against the home front,' Gilad warned.

Gilad also blamed Hezbollah for a number of successful and unsuccessful terrorist attacks abroad.

Though admitting that the threat from Lebanon is growing, Gilad was largely optimistic about Israel's security situation, citing positive developments in Syria, Egypt and the Gaza Strip.

'In Syria, there is good news,' Gilad said. 'The Golan Heights remains the quietest region in the entire Middle East. Our deterrence capabilities are sufficiently, for the time being, keeping out warring parties in Syria.' Gilad also warned that al-Qaida is starting to rear its head in Syria, with a view that the fall of Assad will allow it to open a new terror front against Israel..."

Khamenei: Iran will never cave to Western 'anger'

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Tuesday vowed that Iran would never cave to Western pressure, saying that it will act only in accordance with its own interests, *AFP* quoted his official website as saying.

The Islamic Republic, he told a military audience, 'makes its decisions solely based on the interests of its people and the country, even if all of the world's powers get angry at its decisions.'

It 'does not accept the demands of any superpower,' he added.

The Ayatollah also accused 'Western and Zionist media' of fabricating reports on the biting effects of economic sanctions, hinting that the Iranian economy was not suffering.

'Drawing a black and dark picture of the country's situation is the known method of Western and Zionist media aimed at halting the Iranian nation's path,' he said..." **(This questionable spiritual leader of Iran is bent on global control. He states that it matters not if millions of Iranians die through nuclear warfare as long as Islam is victorious over all corners of the globe. When Christ returns as the "Prince of Peace" – Isaiah 9:6, 7 – He will put an end to those who attempt to destroy the earth - Revelation 11:18. Come quickly Lord Jesus.)**

Iran: We lie to international inspectors on our nuke program

Israel National News reports: "Western countries have long suspected Iran of misleading international inspectors over the extent of its nuclear program – and now a top Iranian official has admitted as much. In an interview with the London-based Arabic *Al-Hayat* daily, Fereydoun Abbasi, head of Iran's Atomic Energy Agency, said that Tehran had on occasion 'misled' International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors on a number of issues.

‘At times we submitted false information (to inspectors) in order to defend the nuclear facilities and our achievements, ‘Abbasi told the paper.’ ‘We had no choice but to mislead the IAEA and other spies.’

Abbasi also described the practical tactics of how Iran misleads the West. ‘Sometimes we pretend to have a weakness we really do not have,’ to throw inspectors off the track; if Iran is not capable of certain more basic things, the thinking is that they could not be capable of more advanced

activities. ‘And sometimes we pretend to have a strength that we do not have. Afterwards, the effect of these tactics is evident when we have discussions with the IAEA,’ Abbasi said.

Abbasi, who is also a vice-president of Iran, said that the regime felt it had no choice but to act deviously. ‘It is unacceptable that the IAEA would consider us as a guilty party that has to prove its innocence. There are certain parties that accuse us of all sorts of things, and the IAEA tries to prove these accusations. It is similar to what

happened to Saddam Hussein of Iraq.’ Hussein was accused of amassing weapons of mass destruction by the U.S., but to date no such weapons have been found...” **(Sharia Law being promoted by Islam states that one may use deceit and lying if it is used in promoting the religion of Allah and Mohammad. Christianity tells its followers to put away lying and to speak truth because all liars shall have their part in the Lake of Fire [hell] which burns with fire and brimstone which is the second death – Revelation 21:8.)**

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

Israeli foreign minister predicts ‘Persian Spring’

SpaceDaily.com reports: “Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said he believes ‘the Arab Spring will be followed by a Persian Spring,’ with international sanctions against Iran leading to renewed domestic unrest.

His remarks came a day after scuffles broke out in central Tehran in the first sign of unrest over Iran’s plunging currency, which has lost more than half its value since the European and U.S. sanctions have bitten.

‘The Arab Spring will be followed by a Persian Spring, instability is spreading in Iran, and not just in Tehran,’ Lieberman told Israeli military radio.

‘There is no doubt that the protest movement will be strengthened by the approach of the Iranian presidential elections next summer,’ he added.

‘The Iranian regime is reaching a critical point. International sanctions will not convince the leaders of the country to renounce their nuclear programme, but what is important is that the Iranian people have begun to realise that they are not ready to be

sacrificed to satisfy the revolutionary and fanatic ambitions of their leaders,’ he said...” **Persia which changed its name to Iran in 1935 is mentioned as being united with Russia in Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 5, and 8, for the war of the latter years and latter days – Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Five sixths of their combined armies will be eliminated – Ezekiel 39: 1 – 6; 12, 13. Israel will win – Isaiah 56:5. See the next four reports.)**

Iran’s Revolutionary Guard says expects Israel to launch war

Reuters reports: “Israel will eventually go beyond threats and will attack Iran, the commander of Iran’s Revolutionary Guards was quoted as saying.

As speculation mounts that Israel could launch air strikes on Iran before U.S. elections in November, Mohammad Ali Jafari told a news conference that the Jewish state would be destroyed if it took such a step.

‘Their threats only prove that their enmity with Islam and the revolution is serious, and eventually this enmity will lead to physical conflict,’ Jafari said when asked about Israeli threats

to strike Iran’s nuclear facilities, the *Iranian Students’ News Agency* (ISNA) reported.

‘We are making all efforts to increase our defensive capabilities so that if there is an attack ... we could defend ourselves and other countries that need our help with high defensive capabilities.’

Jafari’s comments, made at an Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) military exhibition, come as Israeli leaders have increased their rhetoric against Iran.

‘A war will occur, but it’s not clear where or when it will be,’ Jafari was quoted as saying. ‘Israel seeks war with us, but it’s not clear when the war will occur.’...”

Chief Rabbi: Israel will win – with or without U.S.

Israel National News reports: “Israel will be victorious over Iran, with or without the help of the United States, says Chief Rabbi Metzger, who asked Jews to focus on good relations with others.

Speaking in a special Erev Yom Kippur with Arutz Sheva, the Chief

Ashkenazi Rabbi pleaded for Jews 'to be careful to observe mitzvos relating to others' and not just those between Man and G-d.

He reminded Jews that 'Repentance, Prayer and Charity' overcome the 'evil decree' and cited the victory of the Jews in ancient Iran (Persia) over the wicked Haman who plotted to destroy all Jews and in the end fell as a victim of his own trap.

Rabbi Metzger quoted Isaiah 1:18, where the prophet tells Jews that by repenting, their sins 'although they are like scarlet, shall be as white as snow [and] they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.'..."

U.S., Israel considering joint 'surgical strike' on Iran's nuclear facilities

Haaretz reports: "The United States and Israel are considering the possibility of a joint 'surgical strike' against Iran's nuclear facilities, according to a Foreign Policy report by David Rothkopf.

While Israel and the U.S. still don't entirely agree on the 'red line' which would trigger a military response, the report said that the Israelis are now

suggesting a more limited attack than was previously debated.

Rothkopf, a former Clinton administration official and international relations expert, quoted a source said to be close to the discussions, which claimed that a small-scale attack is currently viewed as the most likely military option. Such strike, the source said, is likely to only take a few hours and would be conducted by air, using bombers and supported by drones.

In order to send the Iranian nuclear program back many years, such an attack could be carried out in a joint U.S.-Israeli operation, or by the U.S. alone. The report claims Israel would not be able to carry out this kind of attack on its own.

Rothkopf argues that the threat of a limited strike would seem more credible than a full-scale attack, and so it has 'a real chance of deterring the mullahs.' This threat, the report said, may also increase the chances that diplomacy would work..."

Sources: Azerbaijan mulls helping Israel with Iran attack

Haaretz reports: "Israel's 'go-it-alone' option to attack Iran's nuclear

sites has set the Middle East on edge and unsettled its main ally at the height of a U.S. presidential election campaign.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu exudes impatience, saying Tehran is barely a year from a 'red line' for atomic capacity. Many fellow Israelis, however, fear a unilateral strike, lacking U.S. forces, would fail against such a large and distant enemy.

But what if, even without Washington, Israel were not alone?

Azerbaijan, the oil-rich ex-Soviet republic on Iran's far northern border, has, say local sources with knowledge of its military policy, explored with Israel how Azeri air bases and spy drones might help Israeli jets pull off a long-range attack.

That is a far cry from the massive firepower and diplomatic cover that Netanyahu wants from Washington. But, by addressing key weaknesses in any Israeli war plan - notably on refueling, reconnaissance and rescuing crews - such an alliance might tilt Israeli thinking on the feasibility of acting without U.S. help..."

IRAN'S THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES

Iranian militias 'pose threat to U.S.'

The Washington Times reports: "Iran's extremist militias and their proxies were behind a recent string of terrorist attacks against Israeli diplomatic targets around the globe and might seek to strike the United States, U.S. counterterrorism officials said.

'Quds Force, Hezbollah and others have shown they both have the capability and the willingness to extend beyond that [Middle East] region of the world and likely here into the homeland itself,'

Kevin L. Perkins, associate deputy director of the FBI, told a hearing of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

'We look at it as a serious threat,' he added, saying the bureau is 'focusing intelligence analysts and other resources on that on a daily basis to monitor that threat.'..." **(Iran's militias as well as other Islamic terrorists are preparing to hit the USA. Yahweh, the Judeo-Christian God will protect His beloved chosen people -- Daniel 7:7, 8; plus America who stands with Israel -- Genesis 12:3.**

Study Luke 21:9, 27, 28, 31, 32 for a pre-tribulation rapture and a blessed promise. See the next three reports.)

Report: U.S. vulnerable to long-range missile attack

SpaceDaily.com reports: "The United States could be vulnerable to attack from long-range ballistic missiles unless the government overhauls the country's 'fragile' missile defense system, experts said in a report.

The findings from the non-partisan National Research Council are highly

critical of President Barack Obama's missile defense strategy, which focuses on protecting Europe from shorter-range Iranian missiles.

Instead, the report calls for a return in part to ex-president George W. Bush's emphasis on shielding the United States against long-range threats.

The U.S. military should focus on proven hardware that can intercept enemy missiles in midcourse, instead of spending large sums of money trying to hit an adversary's missiles just after launch in the boost-phase, said the report. It called the current approach technically daunting and unaffordable...

The Pentagon's current network of 30 ground-based interceptors, designed to hit incoming missiles at midcourse, offers an 'early but fragile' defense of the U.S. homeland against a potential attack from North Korea's unsophisticated arsenal, according to the report.

But with Iran possibly developing more capable long-range missiles within a decade, the panel recommended bolstering the system by adding a third interceptor site to the northeastern region..."

Iran threatens to hit Israel and U.S. bases

Israel National News reports: "The head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards

warned of retaliation against the Gulf's strategic Strait of Hormuz, U.S. bases in the Middle East and Israel if his country was to be attacked.

According to a report by *AFP*, General Mohammad Ali Jafari, speaking in a very rare news conference in Tehran, also said that he believed Iran would abandon the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty should it be targeted for military action.

Jafari said that the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow channel at the entrance of the Gulf through which a third of the world's traded oil passes, would be a legitimate target for Iran should it be attacked.

"This is a declared policy by Iran that if war occurs in the region and the Islamic republic is involved, it is natural that the Strait of Hormuz as well as the energy (market) will face difficulties," he said, according to *AFP*.

Jafari suggested that U.S. military bases -- such as those in Bahrain, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia -- would also be fair game for retaliation by Iranian missiles or proxy forces.

"The U.S. has many vulnerabilities around Iran, and its bases are within the range of the Guards' missiles. We have other capabilities as well, particularly when it comes to the support of Muslims for the Islamic republic," he said..."

Commander: Ra'd missile system produced to hit U.S. aircraft

The Fars News Agency reports: "A senior commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced that the newly unveiled Ra'd air defense system has been developed to target aggressive U.S. planes.

"The system has been built in a bid to confront U.S. aircraft and can hit targets 50km in distance and 75,000 feet in altitude," Commander of the IRGC Aerospace Force Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh told reporter on the sidelines of the military parades marking the anniversary of the Sacred Defense Week here in Tehran.

He added that the September 21 parades demonstrated Iranian Armed Forces' preparedness to defend the country, "Given these capabilities, we announce that we will allow no one to even think about aggression against Iran."

The IRGC displayed a highly advanced air defense shield, called 'Ra'd', during military parades in Southern Tehran.

According to IRGC Air Defense Unit, the highly-advanced home-made Ra'd (Thunder) air defense system is equipped with 'Taer' (Bird) missiles, which can trace and hit targets 50km in distance and 75,000f in altitude..."

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russia developing 'iron fist' to deter West

WND.com reports: "Russia is on its way once again to becoming a world military power, based on promises by Russian President Vladimir Putin and what he is projecting in the way of defense spending over the next six years, says a report from *Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin*.

Putin wants to 'reindustrialize Russia' by rebuilding the defense industry while creating some 25

million new 'high-tech jobs' during his six-year term in an effort to transform its military into an 'iron fist' against the West.

Deputy Prime Minister for Armaments Dmitry Rogozin, who was Russia's chief representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization headquarters in Brussels until last year and an ardent supporter of Putin, envisions this effort, as promised by Putin in his election campaign last year, to make Russia a world major

industrial power once again.

Rogozin said that the West only recognizes what he calls 'raw military power,' adding that 'smart power' and 'soft power' are 'only nice words...' (Russia will not be victorious in the battle of Armageddon -- Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 5, 12, and 13. Christ returns to stop the bloodbath -- Revelation 14:20; and sets up His glorious kingdom rule of peace for 1,000 years. See Revelation 19:11, 14, 15; and 20:4.)